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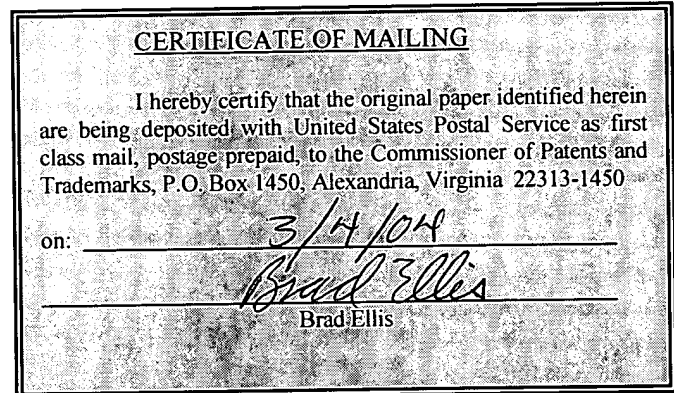
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Examiner: Tuyen T. Nguyen

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2004, Applicant responds as follows:

Claims 1-19 are pending. This is a supplemental response to a restriction/election requirement originally mailed August 8, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application, and originally responded to on October 8, 2003. In that response, Applicants respectfully traversed these restriction but further conditionally elected the Claims of Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a laminated assembly classified, classified in class 336, subclass 234 to prosecute in the present application as required by the Examiner.

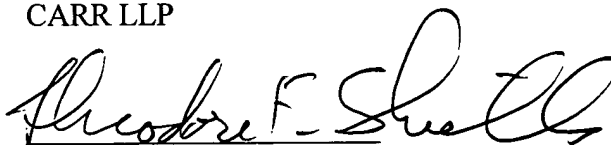
In the February 3, 2004 Official Action, the Examiner found the October 8, 2003 response not fully responsive because Applicant did not elect a single disclosed species, i.e., either corresponding to Figs. 2-6 or Figs. 7-11. In response, Applicants conditionally elect the species identified by the Examiner as corresponding to Figs. 2-6, with traverse. Claims 1-11 read on this species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of Carr LLP.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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